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Cyprus: A new controversy has arisen in Cyprus over threats by the Makarios government to arrest a leading Turkish Cypriot should he attempt to return to Cyprus!

Rauf Denktash, second most prominent leader of the Turkish Cypriots and head of the Turkish Cypriot delegation to the abortive London conference in January, is currently in Turkey and has been seeking an early return to the island.

The UN commander rejected a Turkish Government request for a guarantee of Denktash's personal safety, according to the Turkish Foreign Ministry, after Makarios categorically refused to permit him to return and threatened to have him arrested for treason if he did. The Greek Cypriot minister of interior has publicly accused Denktash of committing criminal offenses against the state which would justify his arrest and prosecution if he returns.

The US Army Attaché in Nicosia comments that the Greek Cypriot action toward Denktash could set a precedent for arresting other Turkish Cypriots accused of having committed offenses against the state during the past three months of communal violence. Ankara has not yet made a public announcement regarding Denktash, but plans to raise the matter with U Thant and with the British, Greek, and US governments.

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Brazil: Brazilian Army units, apparently under orders of President Goulart, have restored order following the incident in Rio de Janeiro on 26 March which involved 600 naval and marine personnel.

Goulart indicated his support of Navy Minister Sylvio Motta by backing up his arrest of the men involved, but finally accepted Motta's resignation. The rapid build-up of tension accompanying these events in Rio is symptomatic of the unsettled political situation.

The government is apparently going ahead with preparations for the temporary take-over of a subsidiary of the US-owned American Foreign Power Company in the state of Espirito Santo, according to the US Embassy. The government is also reported to be planning the expropriation of private lands in the state of Goias in line with the land expropriation decree recently issued by Goulart. In the northeast a number of land seizures by peasants have occurred, possibly prompted in part by expectation of official land distribution.

Opposition to Goulart's campaign for "basic reforms" is reportedly coalescing. Several governors are forming a united front against Goulart, and a demonstration "in defense of the constitution" is scheduled to be held in Rio de Janeiro on 2 April.

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North Vietnam: Hanoi has for the first time convened a "Special Political Conference"--provided for in the constitution "to examine major problems." The meeting, called by Ho Chi Minh, began on 27 March and apparently is being attended by representatives of all political parties and mass organizations in the country. The conference could be used as a dramatic stage for directing popular attention to such problems as increased security against "enemy" attacks and for explaining Hanoi's pro-Chinese swing in the Sino-Soviet dispute

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Colombia: Violence may occur in Bogota on 30 March if followers of ex-dictator Gustavo Rojas Pinilla persist in their scheme to hold a demonstration. Rojas, whose loosely organized National Popular Alliance (ANP) more than tripled its congressional representation in the 15 March elections, has long ignored a congressional injunction to refrain from political activities. The security forces, including the army, would probably welcome an excuse to jail him and as many of his followers as they can round up.

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